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[redacted] Charles Ablard, General Counsel, USIA, called to say Tom Korologos, of the White House staff, had raised the question of whether, in view of Senator McGee's success in restoring the USIA cuts in the Senate, we might want to reconsider our strategy on the "attribution" amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, S. 3256 (which would require that any Government agency disseminating information abroad identify itself). I told Ablard I thought we should indeed take another look and we might find a way of fighting this amendment without spotlighting the Agency's interest in the matter. We agreed to confer again later today or tomorrow after looking into the matter further.

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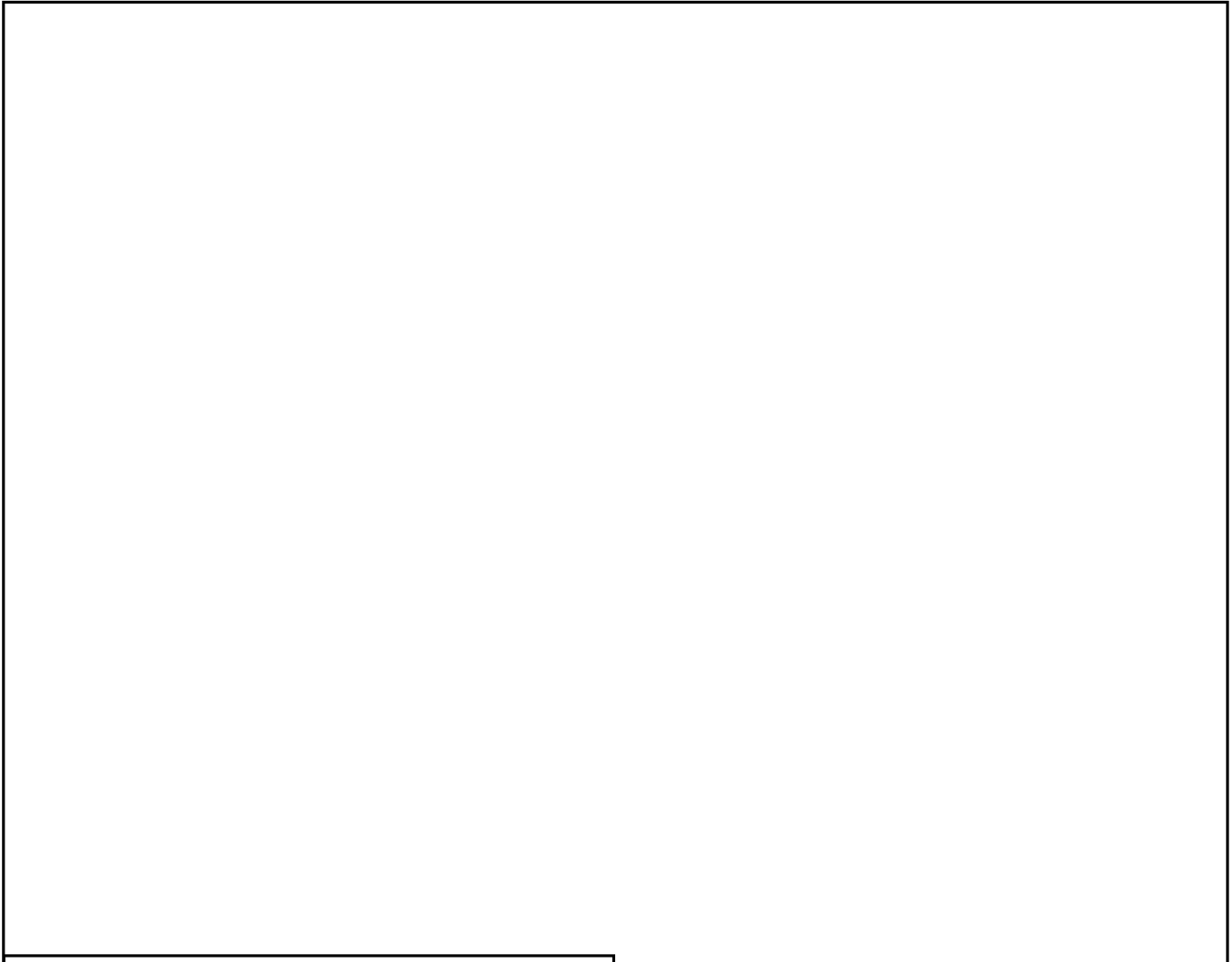
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[REDACTED] Called Linn Noah, USIA, in connection with the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee markup of the State/USIA authorization bill (S. 3526) to determine if the House bill would contain a provision similar to section 205, Restrictions on Preparation and Dissemination of Information Abroad. Mr. Noah said he would find out and let us know.

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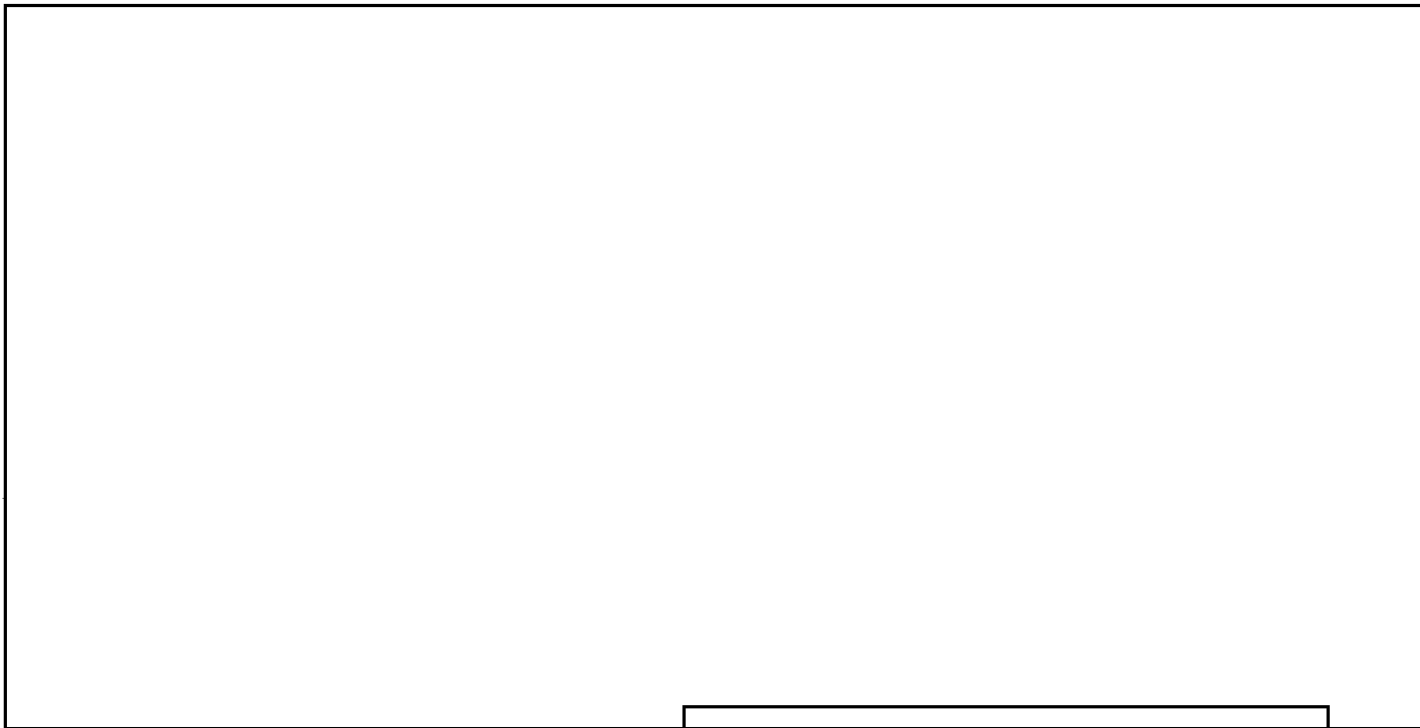
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17. [REDACTED] In line with his previous conversation with Mr. Maury, spoke with Mr. Charles Ablard, General Counsel, USIA, and agreed to send him our proposed floor statement and amendment on section 205, Restrictions on Preparation and Dissemination of Information Abroad, of S. 3526, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972. Mr. Ablard is still leaning towards pursuing the amendment in conference committee rather than on the Senate floor, but said there still was ample time to consider possible Senate floor action as the provision would probably not come up for vote until sometime in the middle of next week. 25X1



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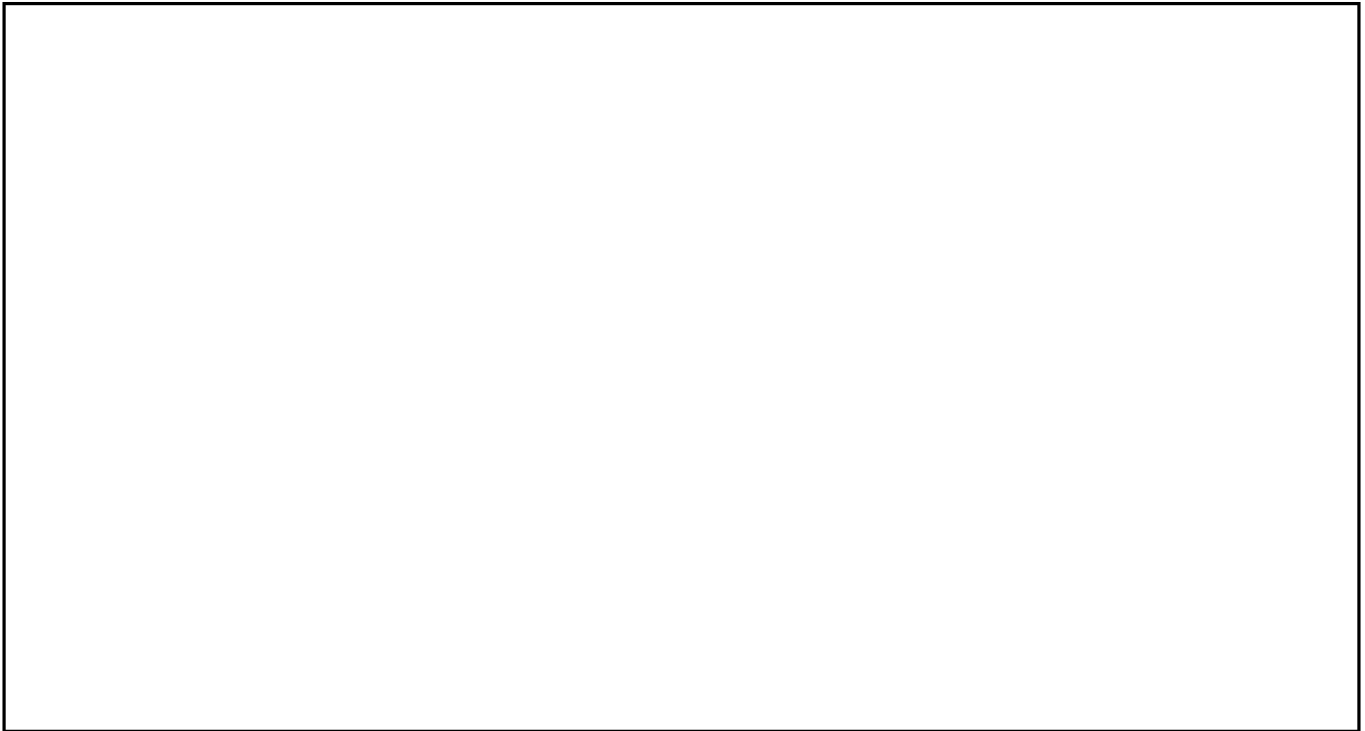
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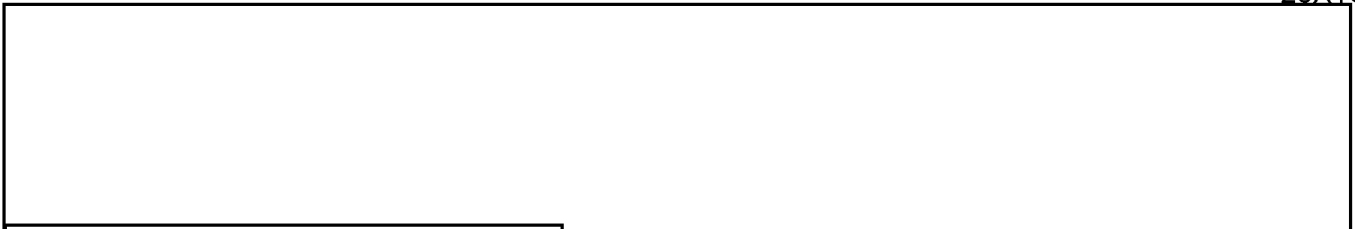
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Following up on his call to Mr. Maury, I met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him the material which I had left for him Friday on possible amendments to the State authorization bill and floor statements for the Chairman's use. Braswell confessed he had not read this material through and when we went over it said it was quite sufficient for his purposes. He did ask, however, if I would check on the number of people in the Agency who would be covered by the 10 percent reduction in overseas personnel and I told him I would double check the figure and be back in touch with him tomorrow.

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